CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL   No. 1889

Introduced by Assembly Member Berg
(Coauthor: Senator Wiggins)

February 7, 2008

An act to add Section 37710.5 to the Education Code, relating to school districts.

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AB 1889, as amended, Berg. School districts: four-day school week.

Existing law authorizes the Pacific Unified School District, the Leggett Valley Unified School District, the Reeds Creek Elementary School District, the Death Valley Unified School District, the Borrego Springs Unified School District, the Julian Union Elementary School District, the Julian Union High School District, and the Warner Unified School District to operate one or more schools in their districts on a 4-day school week, so long as the school district complies with specified requirements, including instructional time requirements. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reduce the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance of a school district that operates one or more schools in its district on a 4-day school week and provides less than 180 days of instruction, as specified.

This bill would extend that authorization and those requirements to the Potter Valley Community Unified School District, beginning in the 2009–10 fiscal year. *The bill would also authorize the Superintendent to waive minimum time and 5-consecutive-day program operating requirements for schools operating a 4-day week pursuant to the bill.*

This bill would declare that, due to the unique circumstances applicable to the Potter Valley Community Unified School District, a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution, and the enactment of a special statute is therefore necessary.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 37710.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3   37710.5. Beginning in the 2009–10 fiscal year, the Potter
4 Valley Community Unified School District may operate one or
5 more schools in the school district on a four-day school week if
6 the district complies with the instructional time requirements
7 specified in Section 37701 and the other requirements of this
8 chapter, other than the requirements of Section 37710.
9 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Superintendent*
10 *may waive minimum time and five-consecutive-day program*
11 *operating requirements for a school that operates on a four-day*
12 *week pursuant to this section.*
13   SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that, due to the
14 unique circumstances applicable to the Potter Valley Community
15 Unified School District, a general law cannot be made applicable
16 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
17 Constitution, and the enactment of a special law is therefore
18 necessary.

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